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Attn: Ms. Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

Attn: Ms. Valerie Gordon
Chairperson

Submitted via email

Dear Mesdames,

**Re: Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited (“Imperial”)
Canada Energy Regulator Proceeding OH-001-2023
Sahtu Land and Water Board Type A Water Licence Applications S24L1-002, S24L1-005 and Land Use Application S24A-005
Notification of Withdrawal of Applications**

Introduction

This letter is provided by Imperial in connection with its applications filed with the Canada Energy Regulator (“CER”) and the Sahtu Land and Water Board (“SLWB”) to renew the Norman Wells Operation’s (“NWO”) operating licenses and authorize the Line 490 Replacement Activities, both detailed below.

CER applications include the Variance of Operations Authorization OA-1210-001 and the Line 490 Replacement Activities, both included under Hearing Order OH-001-2023¹. SLWB applications include the renewal of Type A Water Licence S13L1-007 (File No. S24L1-005²) and Line 490 Replacement Activity applications (File No. S24L1-002³ and S24A-005⁴).

Earlier today, Imperial announced hydrocarbon production at Norman Wells will end in the third quarter of 2026. This decision is being made because the facility is coming to the end of its lifespan. Further to Imperial’s announcement, Imperial hereby withdraws the applications outlined below.

¹ CER Proceeding – [OH-001-2023](#) – Variance Application for Operations authorization and Application for Line 490 Replacement Activities

² SLWB Public Registry – [S24L1-005](#) – Renewal of Type A Water Licence S13L1-007

³ SLWB Public Registry – [S24L1-002](#) – Type B Water Licence Application – Line 490 Replacement

⁴ SLWB Public Registry – [S24A-005](#) – Type A Land Use Permit Application – Line 490 Replacement

Line 490 Replacement Activities Withdrawal

Line 490 has been shut down since July 2022. Applications for the Line 490 Replacement Activities were filed with the CER in February 2024 and with the SLWB in May 2024. In late September 2024, these applications were referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (“MVEIRB”) for environmental assessment (“EA”) (EA2425-01)⁵. In May 2025, Imperial requested a pause, by way of adjournment, of the EA proceeding to focus on completing regulatory work related to its operating licenses renewals. Imperial had supported the regulatory process and had hoped for a timely authorization to permit Line 490 replacement to allow for full production reinstatement of Imperial’s NWO.

As a result of the NWO end of production decision, Imperial is withdrawing the Line 490 Replacement Activities applications with the SLWB and CER.

Operations Authorization and Water Licence Renewals Withdrawal

In late 2023 and early 2024, Imperial submitted applications to the CER (OH-001-2023) and SLWB (S24L1-005) to renew its Operations Authorization and Type A Water Licence for another 10-year term, to support continued NWO. In late September 2024, after proceeding through extensive regulatory reviews, the applications were referred to MVEIRB for EA (EA2425-02).⁶ Imperial participated in the EA proceeding throughout 2025 and received 3-year interim extensions from the CER and SLWB in April 2025 to avoid an early shut-in of the NWO.

As a result of the NWO end of production decision, we are withdrawing our Operations Authorization and Water Licence renewal applications with the SLWB and CER.

Remaining Operations and Cessation of Production

Imperial will continue base NWO over the coming months until cessation of production (“CoP”) activities begin in the third quarter of 2026. Approximately six months of decommissioning activities will follow into early 2027, bringing the facilities into a safe shut-in state. Throughout this phase of work, Imperial’s key priorities of safe, environmentally responsible and reliable operations will remain unchanged. During this transition period, Imperial will continue to follow the applicable conditions and requirements of its existing operating permits with the CER (OA-1210-001) and SLWB (S13L1-007), which remain active until May 2028.

After CoP and decommissioning activities are complete, Imperial will enter a period of interim care and maintenance (“ICM”). During this period, Imperial will maintain an ongoing presence on-site to continue performing routine activities currently authorized under existing licences such as well suspensions and abandonments, environmental monitoring and site assessment programs, waste management and overall site-wide surveillance. The ICM phase is anticipated to remain in effect for several years to maintain the decommissioned facility in accordance with regulatory requirements until the NWO Closure EA (EA2526-01) is completed and abandonment and

⁵ MVEIRB Public Registry – [EA2425-01](#) – Line 490 Replacement Project

⁶ MVEIRB Public Registry – [EA2425-02](#) – Norman Wells Operations

reclamation activities are permitted.⁷ Imperial plans to submit applications to the CER and SLWB later this year for the ICM period.

There are no near-term changes to Imperial's terminal operations in Norman Wells and the wholesale fuel supply arrangements that Imperial currently provides.

The NWO currently generates electricity which is supplied to Northwest Territories Power Corporation ("NTPC") and distributed to the Norman Wells network. Following end of production, Imperial will no longer supply power generation services to NTPC and is cooperating with NTPC on a permanent transition of power generation for the community.

Closure and Reclamation of the Norman Wells Facilities

In March 2025, Imperial requested MVEIRB initiate an EA focused on the closure and reclamation of the Norman Wells facilities.⁸ MVEIRB is currently progressing the NWO Closure EA (EA2526-01) through the initial scoping stage.⁹

Imperial notes that its current Operations Authorization (OA-1210-001, Condition 21) and Water Licence (S13L1-007, Part J-5) requires submission of a Final Closure and Reclamation Plan a minimum of 24 months prior to cessation of commercial operations. Consistent with operating licence requirements, Imperial has filed an Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan¹⁰ with the CER in 2016, after receiving approval from the SLWB, and most recently an addendum in 2022¹¹. A Final Closure and Reclamation plan will not be available until the NWO Closure EA (EA2526-01), currently underway with MVEIRB, is completed. Imperial anticipates providing a Final Closure and Reclamation Plan following the EA's conclusion.

Final closure and reclamation work is not expected to start until after 2030, once the NWO Closure EA is completed and Final Closure and Reclamation Plan activities are permitted by applicable regulators including the CER and SLWB.

Closing

In summary, Imperial hereby withdraws:

- CER Variance of Operations application for Authorization OA-1210-001 and the Line 490 Replacement Activities.
- SLWB applications of Type A Water Licence S13L1-007 (File No. S24L1-005) and Line 490 Replacement Activity applications (File No. S24L1-002 and S24A-005).

⁷ MVEIRB Public Registry – [EA2526-01](#) – Closure and Reclamation - Imperial's Norman Wells Facilities

⁸ [Letter from Imperial to the Review Board requesting the Board initiate an EA on Closure](#) – March 31, 2025

⁹ MVEIRB Public Registry – [Draft Scoping Document](#) – Closure and Reclamation – Imperial Oil's Norman Wells Facilities EA2526-01 – July 2025

¹⁰ [Norman Wells Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan](#) – March 2016

¹¹ [Norman Wells Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan 2022 Addendum](#) – February 2022

- Land Use Application S24A-005.

Imperial thanks the CER and SLWB staff for their diligent efforts in advancing the Line 490 replacement and operating licence renewal applications and extends appreciation to all interested parties who participated in the regulatory proceedings.

Looking forward, Imperial remains committed to maintaining regulatory compliance and continuing collaborative engagement with communities, rightsholders and stakeholders as attention shifts to the Closure EA and the development of a Final Closure and Reclamation Plan.

Please find attached a copy of Imperial's correspondence to the MVEIRB requesting the cancellation of the two EAs associated with Imperial's applications.

Please contact Benjamin Fraser (benjamin.fraser@esso.ca) should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1: Imperial's CoP Correspondence with MVEIRB



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Attn: Mr. Mark Cliffe-Phillips
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Dear Sir,

Re: Imperial Oil Resources N.W.T. Limited (“Imperial”)
Environmental Assessments EA2425-01 and EA2425-02
Notification of Withdrawal of Applications

Introduction

This letter is provided by Imperial to advise the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (“MVEIRB”) of recent developments regarding the Norman Wells Operation (“NWO”) and to request the cancellation of two environmental assessments (“EA”) currently before MVEIRB.

Earlier today, Imperial announced that hydrocarbon production at Norman Wells will cease in the third quarter of 2026 as the facility approaches the end of its operational life. In connection with this decision, Imperial has formally withdrawn its applications before the Canada Energy Regulator (“CER”) and the Sahtu Land and Water Board (“SLWB”) related to the Line 490 Replacement Project and the renewal of operating permits. These applications were the basis for the following EA’s:

- **EA2425-01** – Line 490 Replacement Project
- **EA2425-02** – NWO Operations Authorization and Water Licence Renewals

Given the withdrawal of these applications and the cessation of production decision, Imperial respectfully requests that MVEIRB cancel both EA2425-01 and EA2425-02.

Imperial appreciates MVEIRB’s efforts in progressing these assessments and thanks all parties who have contributed to the process over the past year. Looking ahead, Imperial remains committed to working collaboratively with MVEIRB, communities, rightsholders and stakeholders on the ongoing Closure Environmental Assessment (EA2526-01) and the development of a Final Closure and Reclamation Plan.

Please find attached a copy of Imperial's correspondence to the CER and SLWB outlining the withdrawal of the associated applications.

Please contact Benjamin Fraser (benjamin.fraser@esso.ca) should you have any further questions.

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